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# SOVIET FORTIFICATIONS ON CAUCASIAN FRONTIER

## Military Precautions Taken By Turkey

### American Aircraft-Carrier To Visit Port On Approaches To The Dardanelles

London, Oct. 2.—As reports reaching here to-night from Istanbul spoke of fortifications and other military measures on the Russian side of the Turkish frontier, the disclosure was made by the State Department spokesman in Washington that the American aircraft-carrier Randolph will call at the Turkish port of Izmir on the approaches to the Dardanelles—during its Mediterranean cruise this month.

A Reuter despatch from Istanbul added that military manoeuvres had been going on regularly for months past, and had now been intensified. Russian planes were making flights over the frontier.

The State Department spokesman in Washington declined to comment on the meaning of the move to send the Randolph to Izmir—a move which follows within two days the forceful statement by the Secretary of Navy, Mr. James Forrestal, explaining the presence of American fleet units in the Mediterranean "to protect United States interests and support United States policies in the area."

The Randolph will join the powerful American naval force already operating in the Mediterranean, and its plan to visit Izmir is considered in Washington diplomatic quarters to be directly connected with the present tense Dardanelles situation.

Reporting earlier to-day that the Secretaries of State, War and Navy were considering sending the Randolph to Izmir, the Washington Post columnist wrote: "This is the best indication of the serious view taken here of the developments in the Russian-Turkish controversy over the Dardanelles."

The State Department failed to confirm earlier reports that the Turkish Government had approached the United States Government seeking advice regarding the latest Soviet note.

#### Washington Concern

Responsible diplomatic quarters in Washington say, however, that United States and British officials are keeping close touch with the Turkish Foreign Office.

It is understood that Ankara is still preparing to reply to the latest Soviet proposals, and is expected to consult both London and Washington on the contents before its despatch to Moscow. It is generally assumed in informed quarters in Washington that the Turkish note will be one of rejection.

Meanwhile, the serious view taken in the Turkish press of the second Soviet note proposing joint Soviet-Turkish defence of the Turkish straits (Dardanelles and Bosphorus) was reinforced to-day by reports current in Turkish circles of the fortification and other military measures on the Russian side of the Turkish frontier.

These reports said that hasty fortification work was going on all along the Caucasian frontier, and that men and women over 40 had been observed emplacing many anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights.

Military manoeuvres, they added, had been going on regularly for months past and now had been intensified. Russian planes were making flights over the frontier.

**Must Move From Frontier**

They also said that all inhabitants of the frontier area over 60 had lately been ordered to move into the interior of the country.

A new fortified town is being built by the Russians opposite the Turkish town of Kars, claimed by Soviet Armenia, according to these reports. Namid New Kars, it is

### China Civil War Enters New Phase Of Intensive Propaganda

Shanghai, Oct. 2 (UP).—The Nationalist-Communist conflict, which throughout the summer took the form of spotty military campaigns in eight east and north-east provinces and southern Manchuria, has entered a new phase of intensive propaganda with Nationalist trumpets currently blaring a "Jericho Act" in the vicinity of Kalgan. Well-informed quarters said that the long-heralded and much-publicised Nationalist drive on Kalgan will come off for a number of reasons harking back to developments since the end of the Japanese war:

(1) Actual Nationalist capture of Kalgan probably would—as Number Two Communist Chou En-lai warned yesterday—be accepted as final split of China, meaning years of warfare without hope of settlement.

(2) The Nationalists militarily are not ready for a showdown despite the impressive summer gains which actually were largely paper victories. Impartial military observers say the Nationalists very immediately exploited the advantages given in American training, equipment and transportation.

In face of the obvious Nationalist military superiority the Communists hold no plying strong diplomatic cards.

#### Nationalist Victories

The Nationalists are able to reel off a list of summer victories which should have battered the Communists to a point willing to come to terms. The list includes such important points as Chengtung and Chefeng (in Jehol) and Hunyin, Communist capital of North Kiangsu, as well as all other important Red bases in that province, all important cities in Suiyuan, East Hopei, all Great Wall passes, all Grand Canal cities, all stations on the Lungtung railway from Hsichow to Kalgan.

Nevertheless, the Communist strength has been little affected. Despite the Nationalist press releases describing "bloody battles, fierce resistance, crushing offensives," the fact is there has been little real fighting and most Nationalist victories were achieved when the Communists, inferior in number and equipment, withdrew, leaving the cities to fall to the Nationalists without a shot.

There is not denying that the manoeuvre has cost the Communists military prestige. But the Nationalists gained only "islands" representing cities connected by narrow lanes of Nationalist-held railroads and highways. These remain vulnerable and the type of campaign the Communists know and like best and guerrilla attacks with which they pinned down large force of the Japanese Army which holds a similar position throughout the war in North China.

#### Diplomatic Weapons

Against the Nationalist military superiority the Communists are pitting these diplomatic weapons.

(1) Recent open Soviet diplomatic support in the form of Premier Stalin's and Andrei Gromyko's attacks on the continued presence of US armed forces in China.

(2) Knowledge that the Nationalists want passage of the American aid bill which will be

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#### INDONESIAN CABINET

Batavia, Oct. 2.—The names of the ministers of the new Indonesian Government were announced to-day by the Premier, Dr Sultan Sjahrir. They are: Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Dr Sjahrir; Defence, Dr Amir Sjarifuddin; Interior, Meester Roem; Finance, Meester Prawiranegara; Information, Mohamed Natsir; Justice, Meester Soesanto.

Dr Sjahrir said the new Cabinet was built on the broadest basis. Reuter.

### GEN FESTING LEAVING HK SHORTLY

#### TO TAKE UP NEW POST IN LONDON

Maj-Gen F. W. Festing, CB, CBE, DSO, General Officer Commanding Land Forces, Hong Kong, will be leaving the Colony within the next two months to take up an appointment in London, it was learned from an official source this morning.

General Festing is one of the best known of the South-East Asia Com-

#### SUPERFORTRESS CRASH

Wendover, Utah, Oct. 2 (UP).—Airbase officers here said that a Superfortress crashed and burned on Tuesday, two miles south of Battle Mountain, Nevada, killing all the crewmen.

He was the only division in the Burma campaign to operate as part of the American and Chinese forces under Generals Stillwell and Sultan. During the fighting in north Burma, his 36th Division and Chinese divisions operating on the banks. After taking part in the Arakan fighting in 1944, when they captured the well-known Maungdaw tunnels, the "36th"

began their spectacular thrust across northern Burma to relieve the Chindits at Mogaung. By the time they were themselves relieved, Gen Festing's Division, by May, had advanced more than 500 miles through some of the worst fighting country in the world. During that period his troops were supplied entirely by air.

During the Burma campaign, Gen

Festing was with his troops in the thick of the fighting and had many narrow escapes.

Easier in the war, Gen Festing saw service in France and Norway, and commanded the 29th Independent Brigade—the copycats of Diego Suarez and subsequently of Mujunga and Tommata—the Madagascars. His men were the Rufe Brigade.

Gen Festing is married, his wife

and three sons living on the North Tyne, in Northumberland.

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Informed quarters said several trials may be held simultaneously in various parts of the American zone when the new indictments have been drafted.

The chief American prosecutor in the future trials probably will be Brig Gen Telford Taylor who has been chief of the proceedings division.

Handcuffed, the 18 convicted Nazi war criminals were escorted one by one from their Nuremberg Gaol cells to-day to confer with their lawyers on their final appeals for mercy to the Allied Control Council in Berlin.

All the conferences took place in special rooms on the ground floor of the gaol. The prisoners were separated by sheet glass from their lawyers and they were watched over continuously by American MP guards of the prison's internal security detachment.

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It is understood, however, that all the lawyers would appeal in any case. Up to this evening no appeal had been received by Col John E. Ray, Secretary-General of the Inter-American Military Tribunal. The condemned men have until Saturday noon to appeal.

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These were summed up by a Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem to-day, who said the Agency could not take part in the conference "with its hands tied." The Agency has insisted on the right to select its own representatives, including, if it wishes, those detained after a British White Paper had asserted some of its leaders were involved in terrorist activities in Palestine. Britain has refused to release these men to attend the conference.

Should these difficulties be overcome, there is a possibility that the Agency might press for Anglo-Jewish sessions of the conference before resumption of the talks with the Arabs in December.

The Jewish Agency spokesman said that postponement of the Palestine Conference "makes absolutely no difference to us."

"It seems to us the British would have to talk separately with Arabs and Jews anyway. We were more interested in talking with the British than attending the conference. If the Government can come to terms with Jews and with Arabs separately then there will be time enough for a conference of both sides."

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### Persian Rebels Capture Gulf Port Of Bushire

London, Oct. 2 (UP).—A Daily Telegraph dispatch from Teheran to-night said that Anglo-Persian Oil Company tankers reported that rebel tribesmen had annihilated the Central Government troops in the Persian Gulf port of Bushire and captured the town.

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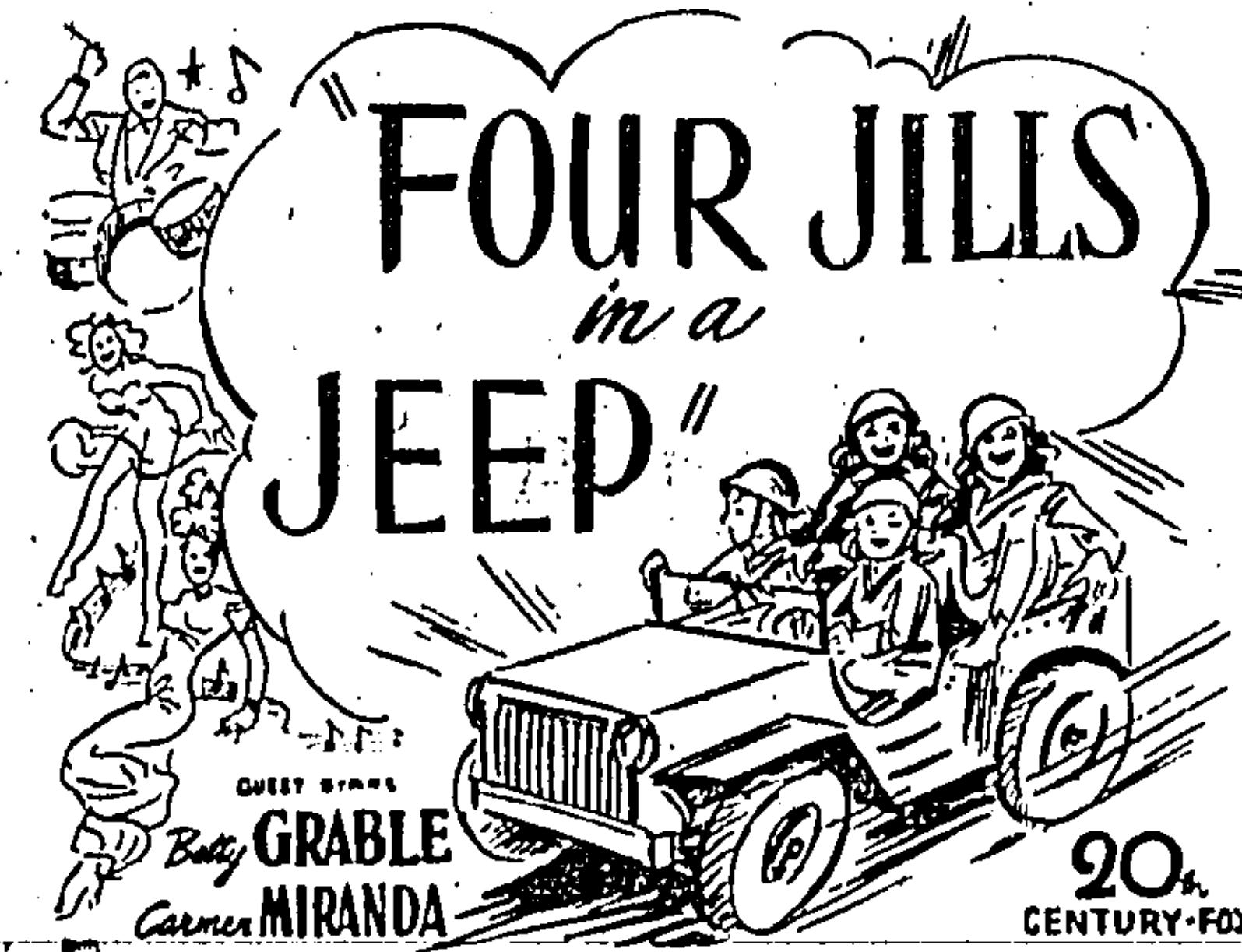
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**RAF AIR BLITZ ON MALARIA AREA IN SE ASIA**

Royal Air Force aircraft from Scolar airfield are to spray three widely dispersed mosquito breeding areas with DDT, the wonder insecticide which spells quick death to flies, mosquitoes and all types of disease carrying insects. These are at Bataan, Palimbang and Mingaladon (Burma). The complete operation will last a month. An RAF Medical Officer will fly with the specially briefed crew of the aircraft to give expert advice in discharging the insect killer over the breeding grounds.

Areas selected for the spraying cover RAF Stations where labour is so short that sufficient men cannot be spared to carry out adequate drainage and malarial control programme. In a short space of time, one DDT plane can do the work of scores of men operating on the ground. Several Army camps will also be included in the operation.

The DDT will be carried in two tanks each holding 325 gallons and it will be released in the form of a spray when the aircraft is flying at two hundred feet. The 650 gallons of DDT stored in the aircraft on each trip is sufficient to spray an area of one square mile and the operation takes about an hour to complete under normal weather conditions.

**IMPROVING CHINA'S AGRICULTURE****Chemical Treatment Of Grain and Vegetable Seed**

The latest measure to improve China's agriculture is the chemical treatment of grain and vegetable seed to prevent soil and seed-borne plant disease from appearing later in growing crops.

UNRRA agricultural experts have begun chemically treating seed throughout north and central China, and will extend their operations to south China in the early spring. It is contained "granesen," a five per cent ethyl mercury phosphate, is used in the simple treatment of the seeds, which are placed in an ordinary drum with stones and rolled on the ground until the dust is thoroughly mixed with the seed.

The application of granesen removes the danger of seed rotted and seedling blights and improves the stand, yield and quality of the crop. Seed treated with this chemical, according to UNRRA, produces about a 10 per cent larger crop than untreated seed.—Reuter.

**SOVIET CITIZENSHIP**

Tokyo, Oct. 2 (UP)—Li-Gen Kuzma Derevynko, Soviet member of the Allied Council for Japan, announced to-day that pre-revolution and Soviet subjects who have lost their citizenships and now residing in Japan are eligible for reinstatement as Soviet Union citizens if they apply not later than December 1.

**Crossword Puzzle**

ACROSS  
1-Day's catch of game  
31-Irish (Fr.)  
32-Care for small  
33-Wine  
34-House to live in  
35-Arrow poison  
36-Final  
37-Athletic group  
38-Celestial masses  
39-London's big bell  
40-Big North Africa  
41-Pad worn under  
42-Table  
43-Religious group

30-Indefinite article  
31-Indian  
32-Musical note  
33-Giant  
34-Singing  
35-Marriage  
36-Fish  
37-Giant juice  
38-Healthy  
39-Plowed  
40-Old furniture  
41-Thought  
42-Nest  
43-New cities  
44-Asian  
45-Queen  
46-Good Queen  
47-Cure leather

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1-Farm buildings  
2-Educational class  
3-Romantic  
4-Jewelry mouth  
5-Substituting  
6-One of Great Lakes  
7-Older  
8-Younger  
9-Concerning  
10-Body of water  
11-Substituted  
12-Surprised food  
13-Musical note  
14-Private  
15-Diving girls  
16-Concluded  
17-Resigned  
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## Four Hundred Ships Tied Up In New York

### VIOLENCE IN HOLLYWOOD

Washington, Oct. 1 (UP)—Government began new efforts to end the nationwide shipping strike as the country's most serious wave of labour disputes in months extended from coast to coast. Violence in the jurisdictional strike of the Hollywood carpenters and stage set unions added to the crisis.

A slight break in the situation came at mid-afternoon when San Francisco CIO Longshoremen were reported to have reached an agreement with the employers on all but one contract dispute but the Union President, MP Harry Bridges, said the maritime walk-out might run three months if it was not settled in the next three days. Every major United States port is faced with shipping paroxysms.

In New York over 400 ships of which 230 fly United States flags are in harbour. The Longshoremen respected the picket lines. Loading and unloading are paralyzed. One hundred and thirty-two ships are tied up in Philadelphia. Along the Gulf Coast every port reported men off ships. The same is reported in Baltimore and Boston.

In Hollywood, over 700 strikers clashed with 100 special police seeking to break up the strikers' march. The police used clubs, the strikers used fists, stones, sticks, and any other weapons available. Fifteen strikers were arrested. A number of discharged servicemen wearing parts of uniforms and carrying flags led the marchers. The demonstrators were dispersed after a brief pitched battle.

Movie stars Myrna Loy, Edward Robinson, Orson Welles, Burgess Meredith, James Cagney, Lionel Stander and others threatened to bring suit for libel against Matthew Woll, American Federation of Labour vice-President, who in a trade publication, charged the actors with offending Communist organisations.

#### Will Not Concede

San Francisco, Oct. 2 (UP)—While "satisfactory progress" is reported in the negotiations between Atlantic and Gulf operators and the striking CIO Marine Engineers' Union and the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots' Union, West Coast shipowners and operators of Government-owned vessels from Pacific ports have adamantly refused to concede to the Union demands for wage raises and union security.

As a consequence Pacific ports are completely tied up.

Early this morning Government assured striking licensed maritime officers that regardless of the West Coast operators' stand, it would extend to Pacific ports any agreement which Atlantic and Gulf operators reach with the unions in their negotiations.

The Government said an agreement will apply to all government vessels regardless of what ports the operate from.

**Charges Against Film Stars**

Hollywood, Oct. 2 (UP)—Angry cries of "Red baiting" rose in the Hollywood film colony in response to a warning that unless film stars in future refrain from sponsoring pro-Communist meetings and organisations they may face something like the decency campaign that followed the "Fatty" Arbuckle affair.

The warning came from Matthew Woll, American Federation of Labour Vice-President, who specifically named Myrna Loy, Orson Welles, Edward G. Robinson, James Cagney and Burgess Meredith among the film stars whom he charges flouted American patriotism by sponsoring Communist meetings and organisations. He specifically charged Robinson with sponsoring the pro-Communist "Conference on China and the Far East" which, he said, supports the Chinese Red Army and the American Youth for Democracy which Woll charges is pledged to fight against the United States in the event of war with Russia.

Woll pointed out that Myrna Loy's name recently appeared among the sponsors of the American Slav Congress in New York which is a definitely pro-Tito and pro-Communist. Woll charged: "Playing at revolution seems to justify their possession of swimming pools and improves their taste for caviar and caviar and the feel of Russian sables."

#### CIGARETTES SEIZED

Cairns, Sept. 24—Customs officials had a haul yesterday, when 14,000 American cigarettes and 600 Chinese cigarettes were found hidden aboard the "Tulping" from Hongkong.

A routine search of the ship revealed 21 cartons of cigarettes concealed in a bag of insulating cork.

Another quantity was found beneath heaped timber on the deck.

The cigarettes, which were confiscated, are believed to have been the property of the crew.

Shanghai, Oct. 2—More than 18 modern passenger aircraft complete with plush seats and observation facilities have been ordered from the United States by the China Aviation Reconstruction Association. The planes are different from the transport type and are much lighter and simpler in structure. The aircraft are expected to arrive by the middle of this month. Capital investment in this venture has been achieved.

## SCOTTISH NEWSLETTER

(By Alastair Grant)

The squatters' movement has now extended to the North of Scotland. Peterhead is the first town in the North-East of Scotland where the squatters have taken over Government property and there are now about a dozen families established there in Army and Admiralty huts.

In and around Inverness over fifty families have installed themselves in military huts since the movement began in the North. Twenty-five families have occupied R.A.F. huts at the Longman aerodrome, Inverness and, according to an official, steps may be taken to evict them.

The official attitude is that these huts are required for other purposes, such as housing Polish troops and German prisoners of war, but this explanation has caused a good deal of resentment locally where it is argued that surely ex-Servicemen and their families ought to have housing priority over aliens. Councillor Andrew Cameron, Inverness Housing Convener, has declared himself entirely in sympathy with the squatters. He has stated that the Town Council are acquiring disused Nissen huts from the military authorities and these will be allocated to families in the greatest need.

Another action which in a sense lent official countenance to the proceedings was that of Councillor Davidson, Communist member of Inverness Town Council, who led a party of squatters to take possession of a number of military huts in Porterfield Road where they are now established. One of the invading families was a man who had been living in a tent. Another was a newly married couple. Eleven families have taken over huts at Torry and Balnagask, Aberdeen, one of them a young married woman who recently wrote to the King about the difficulty of getting a house.

One of the occupants of a hut at Torry Point Fort is Charles Henderson, who won the DSM on D-day. Ex-Servicemen planned to move into unoccupied Army huts at Kirkwall but this was postponed when Kirkwall Town Council invited the returned soldiers to appoint a representative to the Council's housing Committee. Meanwhile the squatters' movement continues to spread.

#### Electrification

All but three houses in the Loch Carron and Loch Kishorn districts of Ross and Cromarty depend on paraffin lamps for lighting. This state of affairs will be completely altered by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board who have this week published their distribution scheme for the area. Of the 257 potential consumers in the area 250 live in crofts and cottages and the new scheme will bring electricity to 90 per cent of them. The Board will bring electricity from the Nessie Bridge power station of the Lochalsh scheme to Stromeferry and a submarine cable, half a mile long, will cross the Loch Carron Narrows to Stromeferry. A branch line will follow the shores of Loch Carron to Ardenascanick. The main lines will follow the road north-east to Wester Slumby, Loch Carron (Jeantown), Kirkton, Strathcarron and Achintree. Spur lines will supply New Kelse and Tulliebar. Other lines will branch from Loch Carron and follow the road through the narrow pass of Cumlach, a glen leading to North Glen, finally branching at Ardronach to Courthill House and Achintire. The tariffs will be the Board's block tariff of 8d, 1d and 1d which will be operative while power is supplied by diesel generators until hydro-electric development takes place in the area when it will step down to the lower tariff of 5d, 3d and 2d.

#### Gold in Highlands?

Mr Shinnwell, Minister of Fuel and Power, had interesting remarks to make about the Board's operations when he visited the various schemes this week. In his view Scotland, and properly developed, can double its population, but its main hope of development lies in the electrification of the Highlands. The public have been wondering how the Board will stand under the Government's plan to nationalise electricity. Mr Shinnwell stated that the Board would not lose its identity or suffer on account of the national scheme. The Board will remain autonomous but it will be integrated with the nationalised whole. Mr Shinnwell suggests that they may find other things among these Highland hills—even gold. That, he says, will be nation-wide too. But Highland crofters, fishermen and shepherds, having had a taste of acting for the films, may now have visions of prospecting for gold.

Hikers May Get Footpath

Tourists, especially those with a liking for hiking holidays, will be interested in a project planned by a small group of people to secure a footway extending about five hundred miles from the English Border to Cape Wrath along which the traveller may journey over "heather tracks" "heaven in their 'wiles" without touching a single motor road except to cross it. The enthusiastic originators of this picturesque idea

are prepared to fight expensive lawsuits to keep the country's heritage of right-of-way. The president of this new Scottish Rights-of-Way Society, Mr A. E. Robertson, a retired minister, describes signs reading "Private Road" and "No trespasser" will be "prosecuted" as perfectly ridiculous and out of fashion.

The Navy Department said it ordered the crew to land on Columbus because it feared a crackup due to over-extension of fuel supply or engine trouble.

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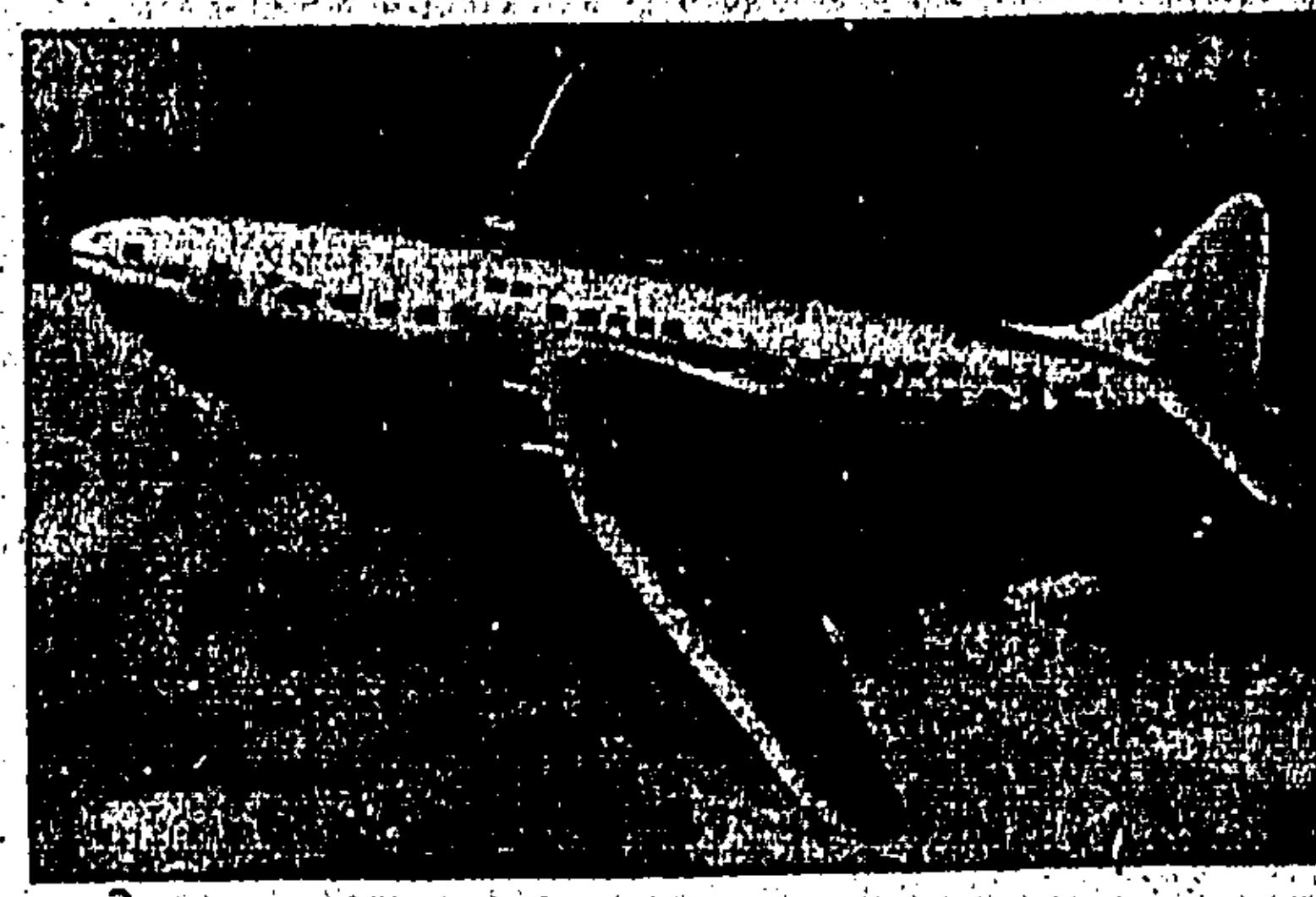
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The Blenheim, the Bristol Aeroplane Company's new Transatlantic air liner, on the stocks at Bristol is expected to take the air next year. It will have a cruising speed of 350 m.p.h. at 25,000 feet, a span of 230 feet and will be 177 feet long. Sleeping accommodation for 80 passengers will be provided. Picture shows a model of the Blenheim which it is expected will be operating on the Transatlantic service next year.

## Cooks Who Test Britain's Food

## UK Exports-A New Peak Is Reached

THE Food Advice Department of Britain's Ministry of Food recently staged a demonstration of new and original ways of cooking fish.

It is all part of their job, which began in the early days of World War II, of helping the housewives of Britain make the best possible use of the food that is available. Thus they prevent waste, and more food is made available for the hunger-striken lands.

The Food Advice Department is administered by a woman, Miss Edith Walker, and is staffed almost entirely by women. In its four little experimental kitchens—nothing out of the way, just ordinary little kitchens such as are found in any suburban house—trained young women, mostly with domestic science degrees, try out every recipe carefully before it is published by the Ministry. Different methods of cooking various foods are also tested. Fruit for use in the Ministry's recipe is bottled there, instructional films for showing to domestic science teachers in schools and technical institutes are made there, and leaflets prepared for distribution to the Food Advice Centres that are scattered throughout Britain for the housewife's help.

All manufactured foods—jam, marmalade, tinned puddings, etc.—and patented flavourings and food substitutes are tested. Yes, officials of

Britain's Ministry of Food willingly sacrifice their digestions that the nation may derive the best advantages from the foods available.

## AIRMEN TO RUN OWN FISHERIES

## PLASTIC PROCESS FOR ROADMARKING

Officers and men on stations of the British Commonwealth Air Force in Japan, commanded by Air Vice Marshal C. A. Boucher can look forward to a brighter day when plans for Unit market gardens and the "airmen's fishing fleet" get underway. Squadron Leader B. Saunders of Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, catering officer on the British Commonwealth Air Group at Iwakuni, is the man behind the plan and he has already organised a supply of 2,000 lbs. of vegetable seeds to be flown from Australia for distribution to Air Force stations.

Fishing nets have also been ordered and when they arrive, airmen will become part-time fishermen, managing the fleet of small boats to provide fresh fish for the messes. At each Unit men have been appointed to supervise the gardening which will be carried out by local Japanese labour.

Garden production at the British Commonwealth Air Group at Iwakuni will be under the expert care of ex-market gardener LAC K. N. Dawson, of Morecambe, England.

## TRUCULENT TURTLE LANDED WITH TANKS DRY

Washington, Oct. 2 (UP)—The Navy patrol-bomber, "Truculent Turtle," landed on Columbus with the tanks practically dry, the crew disclosed upon arrival.

The crew reported that one of the fuel gauge registered zero and the other 30 gallons as the plane reached the ground, but as the wheels hit the runway one of the two motors stopped.

The crew said, they believed, however, the plane could have flown on to Bermuda in "zero" wind conditions or even farther if the plane had had a promised seven mile tailwind. The crew said enthusiastically, the navy bomber has the greatest range of any bomber in any nation's air fleet to day.

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## SIDE GLANCES

## Britain's New £20,000,000 Air Research Station

Important discoveries in the field of aerodynamics and the structural aspects of aircraft design are promised by the erection, near Bedford, England, of Britain's new £20 million Aerological Research Station. Clearing of the site and construction of roads have already begun and it is expected that some research equipment will be in working order in 1948, and a substantial part by 1952.

New experimental equipment designed to keep pace with the revolutionary changes inevitable in this new era of aviation are being installed, and the total staff which will be required to use and service it will be about 5,000, of whom 1,400 will be highly qualified scientists and technicians.

Among the important facilities will be a large, well-equipped airfield, with a special long runway, initially three miles with a possible extension to five miles later, with an overall width of 600 feet. Major items of apparatus to be provided are: powerful wind tunnels, including one or two supersonic tunnels using a speed equivalent to 1,500 m.p.h. at sea level (over twice the speed of sound); a tunnel to investigate the dangerous vibration of aircraft wings known as "flutter;" a structures laboratory, incorporating a very large test frame, 1,000 ton and 300 ton testing machines, drop test and other apparatus; a spinning tower capable of testing propellers of a size appropriate to 6,000 h.p. engines; metallurgical and chemical laboratories etc.

This tip to date apparatus will be used to solve the new problems which face the airframe designer as the modern aircraft reaches towards sonic and supersonic speeds and stratospheric heights.

Extensive workshops equipped with specialised machine tools and adequate central services will provide for maintenance and servicing of the large-scale equipment envisaged.

## U.S. MET WITH REBUFFS IN KOREA

Washington, Oct. 1.—The Acting Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, at a press conference here to-day, said the United States Government had met with frequent rebuffs during the past months in their attempt to reconvince the Joint Soviet-American Commission on Korea.

He added: "We must be patient and persevering in reaching a solution on this problem. When we consider it opportune, we may again approach the Russians on this matter." —Reuter.

## Wool Loading Held Up By Labour Dispute

Sydney, Oct. 2.—The dispute between wool brokers and the Clerks' Union is holding up the loading of 18,000 bales of wool belonging to the Dulkey Company into the cargo vessel "Fort Mangan" of 7,130 tons. Three other ships are now waiting in Sydney to load over 20,000 bales of wool belonging to the company.

Neither clerks nor dockside workers will handle them. The Union Secretary accused the brokers of refusing to adhere to the principles of conciliation or to permit union officers to enter their premises and alleged that brokers had encouraged the formation of a black-leg union. —Reuter.



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